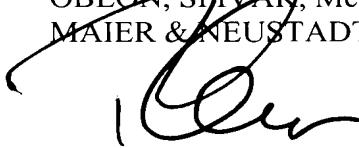


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendment has incorporated the limitation of Claim 3 into Claim 1. In the Board Decision dated April 29, 2010, the Board reversed the rejection of Claim 3 over the combination of Takehisa/Fukuda<sup>1</sup> and Strebelle. See page 11 of the Board's Decision. Thus, the above amendment places this case in condition for allowance, and early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SHIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Richard L. Treanor  
Attorney of Record  
Registration No. 36,379

Customer Number  
**22850**

Tel: (703) 413-3000  
Fax: (703) 413 -2220  
(OSMMN 06/04)

---

<sup>1</sup> JP 04327582 has been referred to as both Takehisa and Fukuda during prosecution herein. See, for example, footnote 2 at page 3 of the Board Decision.